

Hanrahan Trial Told of '69 Slayings

CHICAGO, July 21 (UPI)—A survivor of the police weapons raid on a Black Panther Party apartment testified today that the raiding party fired "a lot of ripping shots" after seemingly subduing occupants of the apartment.

In a silent courtroom, Deborah Johnson, 21-year-old girl friend of one of the two Panther leaders killed in the raid, gave the first eyewitness testimony about the raid on Dec. 4, 1969.

She took the stand after Circuit Court Judge Philip Romiti, presiding in the bench trial, ordered at her attorney's request that the plainclothes policemen remove pistols they had been wearing in court during the first two weeks of the trial.

In key testimony, Miss Johnson said she and two others of the nine apartment occupants were being held at gunpoint by police in the kitchen of the apartment after having surrendered without resistance.

Prosecuting attorney Howard Savage asked, "Did you hear anything?"

"I heard someone say 'He's barely alive' or he'll barely make it' "

"Did you hear more shots?" Savage asked.

"Yes," Miss Johnson replied.

She said the shots apparently came from a "dining room area in the front of the house," in the general direction of the place where she later saw the body of Panther leader Mark Clark.

Her face virtually expressionless, she testified for about three hours at the conspiracy trial of Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan and 13 co-defendants.